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Mme. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of India to the 2nd cycle of UPR and wishes to express our appreciations for the comprehensive national report on promotion and protection of human rights since the last UPR .

We commend India's struggle for social and economic transformation of its 1.2 billion multi-culture population in the framework of a democratic society. India has a strong legislative and institutional framework to address the tasks of protection and promotion of human rights.

We are pleased to note that India has taken important initiatives aimed at securing human rights in the national, regional and international levels. India continues to play an active and constructive role in all human rights related issues in the UN, especially the Human Rights Council.

In this connection, Lao delegation wishes to recommend the following to the government of India:

Continuing to cooperate with the UN and other International Organisations and share good experience and practices with other countries in order to overcome the remaining challenges.

I thank you, Mme. President.